

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1088  
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A RESOLUTION to name a segment of U.S. Highway 321 and Scenic State Route 73 in Blount County in honor of Representative W. Townsend "Townie" Anderson.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities and this State; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than our former colleague W. Townsend "Townie" Anderson, one of Blount County's and Tennessee's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Townie Anderson, a gentleman who has established an incomparable record of excellence in public service, banking and business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson is a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he has worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for his fellow citizens of Maryville, Blount County and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Townie Anderson served the good people of Blount County with distinction as a member of the House of Representatives during the 93rd, 96th, 97th, and 98th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious legislative career, Representative Anderson sponsored Governor Alexander's Education Reform Act of 1984 and was the prime sponsor of Governor McWherter's Continued Road Program in 1989 and Bridge Replacement Program in 1990; and

WHEREAS, during 1985-1986, Mr. Anderson served astutely as Assistant Commissioner for the Department of Transportation and was an instrumental force in the implementation of Governor Alexander's 3.5 million dollar road program; and



WHEREAS, a twenty-year veteran of the banking industry, Representative Anderson has previously served the State of Tennessee with dedication and diligence as Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Financial Institutions and as a member of the Board of Probation and Parole; and

WHEREAS, on the local level, Mr. Anderson has served his community and fellow citizens in numerous charitable and civic capacities, including meritorious service as Director and Treasurer of Blount County United Way, Director and President of Blount County Boys Club, Director of More Blount Jobs, Inc., Director of Historical Sam Houston Schoolhouse Association and Director of YMCA Camp Montvale; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to name a certain segment of U.S. Highway 321 and Scenic State Route 73 into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in honor of our former colleague Representative Townie Anderson to celebrate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the Volunteer State and his fellow Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the following segment of U.S. Highway 321 and Scenic State Route 73 in Blount County are hereby designated the "W. Townsend 'Townie' Anderson Highway" as a tribute to an exceptional businessman and banker, excellent public servant and legislator, and even more accomplished human being:

U.S. Highway 321 from its intersection with Kendall Springs Road southeasterly through the City of Townsend to its intersection with Scenic State Route 73 and then continuing on Scenic State Route 73 to the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of U.S. Highway 321 and Scenic State Route 73 as the "W. Townsend 'Townie' Anderson Highway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appellation "W. Townsend 'Townie' Anderson Highway" provided for in this resolution is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality or other governmental entity affected by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing contained in this resolution shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of U.S. Highway 321 or Scenic State Route 73.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.